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REPORT

TOPIC 46th Inf Bn in the As Area

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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 25 August 1950 the disposition of the components of the 46th Inf Bn was:

As (M 51/P 18)

- the headquarters company or H company (1)
- the infantry company or I company
- one gun battery or G battery
- one battery or F battery (2)

Novy Zdar (M 51/P 18)

- the submachine gun company or P company
- the heavy machine gun company or O company, which moved from Sokolov to Novy Zdar in April 1950. (3)

Hazlov (M 51/P 28)

- one battery (4)

Hruskova (N 51/P 58)

- one reconnaissance unit, to which personnel of the 46th Inf Bn were detached. (5)

2. Staff Captain Okrouhlik, (fnu), was commanding officer, Captain Kostrou, (fnu), political officer and Staff Captain Hruby, (fnu), DOZ officer of the units stationed in the As area.
3. The companies of the battalion each had 60 to 70 soldiers. They were armed with Czech pistols, German model 98 rifles, Czech models 48 A and B submachine guns and Czech model 26 light machine guns. The gun battery in As was equipped with seven short-barreled 45-mm guns, the G battery with six short-barreled 76-mm guns without muzzle brake, and the machine gun company in Novy Zdar with nine model 37 heavy machine guns.
4. The companies had 300 to 350 horses, an undetermined number of field kitchens and horse-drawn vehicles, four Skoda jeeps and three Praga-RN trucks.
5. The basic training lasted six weeks and was conducted in the barracks area. Large field exercises, lasting nine weeks, were started in Kaiserwald in May 1950, with infantry units from Karlovy Vary and tank units

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from Zatec (N 51/P 10) participating. Seven tanks were observed with the units. (6)

Comment.

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- (1) The companies in the As area were allegedly assigned to a headquarters in Sokolov (N 51/P 53) which, in turn, was subordinate to a headquarters in Karlovy Vary (N 51/P 69).

Comments.

- (2) In 1949 the headquarters and most of the companies of the 46th Inf Bn were located in Sokolov. [ ] it was reported that the headquarters company, the technical company, the mortar company and one infantry company were stationed in As. [ ] Since subject report also mentions the headquarters company as being in As, it is believed that the battalion headquarters was moved from Sokolov to As [ ]

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- (3) The present information confirms a previous report. [ ]  
 (4) Probably the mortar company which has long been known as being located in Hazlov.  
 (5) A training camp for personnel of all submachine gun units of the 13th Inf Brig is located in Hruskova at the troop training grounds. [ ]  
 (6) It was known in August 1949 that the 21st Tank Brig was located in Zatec. The present report indicates that the brigade was still stationed there.

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